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**PRESENTATION TO MR.
JOUHIN.**

On Tuesday last, the Officers of H. M. Naval Yard met on the Yard tennis lawn to present Mr. J. C. Jouhin, R.C.N.C., Assistant Constructor, with a handsome silver tea service as a mark of their goodwill on the occasion of his forthcoming wedding. The presentation was made by the Chief Constructor (Mr. W. T. Hockaday R.C.N.C.) who, on behalf of the officers of the Yard, warmly congratulated Mr. Jouhin and wished him every happiness. Mr. Jouhin suitably replied and a pleasant little function terminated with three hearty cheers for Mr. Jouhin called for by the Chief Constructor.

A WEI-HAI-WEI COMPANY.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. G. Bailey, applied at the Bankruptcy Court, this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, on behalf of the Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Co., Ltd., for an order to reduce the capital of the company from £250,000 to £200,000. Sir Henry Berkeley said that the firm had passed a resolution for the reduction of the capital of the company. That reduction had been rendered necessary because of the uncertainty of the tenure of Wei-hai-wei.

His Lordship:—I don't think I have to consider the motive.
Sir Henry Berkeley:—No, my lord. The motion of the company to reduce its capital is not because of any loss, or possible insolvency, but because there is more money than can be disposed of profitably. It is proposed to return to the shareholders 5 pence per share.

His Lordship:—What is the object of the company?

Sir Henry Berkeley:—To build and acquire land at Wei-hai-wei.

His Lordship:—I have seen the papers several times in chambers and I think I can make the order.

DEBTORS AND THE BANKRUPT COURT.

Must not be Deaf.

At the Bankruptcy Court, this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, an application was made by the Kwong Yee Cheong firm to rescind a receiving order.
Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Official Receiver, said that that was the case in which he had reason to complain of the non-appearance of the debtor. He had seen the solicitor and there seemed to have been some misunderstanding. There had seemed to have been an impression that the order could be made at a moment's notice and the debtor had not complied with the order.

Mr. E. J. Grist supported the application which he said was made by Mr. S. Dixon on behalf of Mr. Harding.

Mr. Wakeman:—I think debtors should not be exempt from the ordinance and delay the court in the way that has been done.

His Lordship:—(To debtor)—You got the notice?—Yes.

What did you do with it?—I left it in the shop.

Is that the way you treat papers which come to you?—No, I keep it there.

Didn't you get it?—No.

Mr. Wakeman:—It is in English and Chinese, my Lord.

Debtor:—I did not take it in that light.

His Lordship:—It is really contempt of court but the Official Receiver has consented to overlook it.

Debtor:—I will not do again, my Lord.

The application was granted.

Mr. E. J. Grist supported a motion for an order that the firm should be wound up.

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, March 24, 1909.

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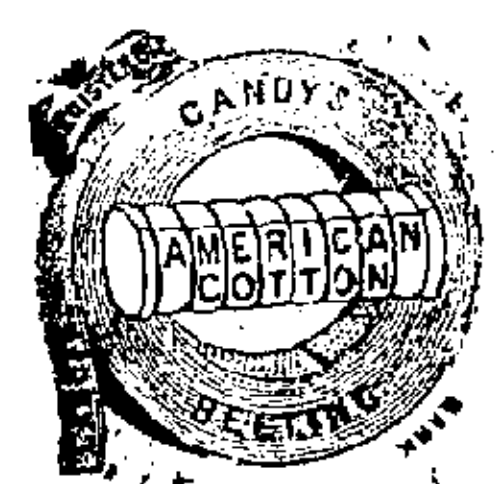
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Hongkong, January 9, 1909.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above Club will be held
on FRIDAY, March 26th, at 8.30 p.m. in
the Club Premises for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Committee
together with a Statement of Accounts for
the year ending 31st December, 1908.
By Order,
E. G. JORDAN,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER
RESERVE ASSOCIATION.
THE FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF MEMBERS will be
held at the City Hall on WEDNESDAY,
the 31st March, at 8.30 p.m.
Sir Henry BARNES, K.C., Chairman
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LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
LONDON, February 21.

I think in taking a survey of the home
events of the week the most interesting
item is the sweeping attack made on our
Poor Law workhouses by the report of the
Royal Commission appointed to consider
the present system of poor relief.

When, after the report has been published,
I glance through a score of papers I
can't find anybody to feel sad at the loss
of Humble, who was satirised so imperish-
ably by Dickens. It would seem that
bad as the old system was, that this present
Poor Law replaced, many abuses were left
open and most of the old faults were left
without an effective remedy. So there are
no wreaths in preparation for the dying
poor law system when it finally disappears,
which will not be yet awhile, for Parlia-
ment has trouble enough on hand for the
present.

But what are the changes that will be
effected if the points of agreement between
the majority and the minority reports of
this Royal Commission are carried into
law? I will try to forecast the situation
briefly.

Instead of the inefficient, incompetent
and bumbling Boards of Guardians, that do
not draw on the whole the best materials
for public representation, there will be
Public Assistance committees under the
Local Government Board. The rate will be
levied by the County Councils as a
Public Assistance rate.

In every borough and district there will
be elected to these Public Assistance com-
mittees men and women of tried public
worth, and capacity and their duty will be
to co-ordinate all the work of the various
philanthropic organizations under the new
system, to hear applications for relief, and
to recommend whether assistance should
be given to the applicants in their own
homes or otherwise.

The workhouses, now monuments of ex-
travagance and misadministration, are to
pass away altogether or be turned into
hospitals for the aged, sick and infirm. The
scientific student of social conditions is to
take the place of the often stupid and
always officious workhouse official of to-day.

The poor are to be divided into three
classes—the deserving, the undeserving
and the vicious. For the latter, now the
bane of our social system, there is to be a
course of training and restraint aiming at
reducing their laziness and increasing their
capacity for honest labour.

Blind and maimed are to be treated in
institutions instead of turning the streets
into a succession of horrors. In touch with
the Public Assistance committees will be
a host of voluntary helpers trained in detect-
ing the fraudulent and bringing to light
the deserving.

There will thus be three sets of institu-
tions—the type for the young, the sick,
and infirm, one for the aged who require
care, and one for the lawless, whose whole
bodies are made to act without undue
sympathy or opportunities for sponging.

Outside the cities there are to be farm
colonies where will be treated the tramps
who infest the parks, the highways and
the embankment. They will be made to
work for a living till they show they are
willing to do so voluntarily.

Hospitals and training places for children
are also to be dotted up and down the
country. Into the whole system there is to
be science and sympathy instead of ex-
travagance, brutality and indolence. Those
who can't work are to be treated as human
beings under the shade of hard conditions,
needing help and support; those who can
work will have to, whether they like it or
not, instead of being allowed to develop
more the vagrant, sponging temperament.

More than that, the workless are to be
placed in easy contact with the labour
market by the establishment of labour
exchanges so that the man who wishes to
find employment may learn readily where
men are most wanted.

Visionary? Well, man Hila Lord George
Hamilton, the chairman of the Commission,
is of opinion that it will prove a workable
basis for future action and will make it
clear to the working classes that according
to their own efforts so their lot will be. If
from no fault of their own there is sickness
and want among them, then they will receive
charity as their right from the gloved hand
of the authorities, but if the want is due to
their own shiftlessness and laziness then
it will be hard on the hand of the law.

Such is some trace, at any rate, of what is
likely to come about. London will probably
be dealt with first as the most suitable
sphere for initial experiments.

No sooner are the inventive geniuses of
Europe and America getting aeroplanes
and airships to a point when they may be
used as scouts in warfare than the other
inventive geniuses set to work to prepare
for the ships being used as offensive
equipment. The news has doubtless reached
you that Messrs. Krupp, the famous
German gun makers, have brought out a
new gun to be used against airships.

It is a 6.5 centimetre gun, firing a pro-
jectile of four kilograms. Its initial
velocity is 630 metres, and the highest
point of the trajectory is about 5,500
metres.

In the Cresset works in France and the
shape of the gun, Messrs. Krupp are
here there is constant watchfulness now
for ideas that will lead to a light gun
equipment for use on ships and for the
effective use of bombs and torpedoes and
below. So far the experiments with bomb
dropping, conducted by an aviator in
California a few weeks ago, were not satis-
factory. The argument showed that dropping bombs under ordinary con-
ditions, most of the bombs failed to explode
and the remainder did not do much damage.
But he also showed that by using the search-
lights of the forts he could see a daylight
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Intimations.

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPART-
MENT.

IT is hereby notified that information
has been received from the MILITARY
AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE
will be carried out as under:—

On MONDAY, the 22nd March:—
From Western F.C. in a South-Westerly
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finishing at 1 p.m.
On MONDAY, the 23rd March:—
From Eastern F.C. in a South-Westerly
direction, at ranges up to 10,000
yards, commencing at 10 a.m., and
finishing at 1 p.m.
On TUESDAY, the 24th March:—
From Eastern F.C. in a North-Easterly
to Easterly direction, at ranges up
to 6,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m.,
and finishing at 10 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on any
of the above dates, Practice will take place
on the following day.
All ships, junks and other vessels are to
keep clear of the ranges.
BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, do.

Hongkong, March 19, 1909.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LD.
THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING of Share-
holders in the Company will be held in the
Office of the General Managers, St. George's
Building, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 3rd
day of April, 1909, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.,
for the purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts and the Report of the General
Managers for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1908, and for the election of a
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED on SATURDAY,
27th March until SATURDAY, 3rd April,
1909, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 23, 1909.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of Share-
holders in the above Company will be
held at the Company's Office, St. George's
Building, 6, Connaught Road,
Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 3rd April,
1909, at Noon, for the purpose of receiv-
ing a Statement of Accounts and the Report
of the General Managers for the year
ending 31st December, 1908, and for the
election of a Consulting Committee and
Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED on WEDNES-
DAY, the 31st March to SATURDAY, the
3rd April, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 23, 1909.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS
of the above Company will be held at the
Company's Office, St. George's Building,
at Noon, on MONDAY, the 5th April,
1909, to receive a Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1908,
and for the election of a Consulting Com-
mittee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED on the 22nd day
of March to the 6th day of April, both days
inclusive.
J. WHEELER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, March 17, 1909.

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING of the above
Association will be held at the HEAD
OFFICE, No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai,
on FRIDAY, the 16th April, 1909, at 4.30
p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Re-
port of the Directors and the Accounts
for the year ending 31st December, 1908,
and for the election of Directors and Au-
ditors for the current year, and for the pur-
pose of transacting any other business which
may come before an Ordinary General Meet-
ing.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Asso-
ciation will be CLOSED from the 9th to
the 16th April, 1909, both days inclusive.
Members holding proxies for ab-
sence must deposit same with the Sec-
retary for registration at least forty-
eight hours before the Meeting.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. JA KSON,
Secretary.

Shanghai, March 17, 1909.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANADA, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the
NINETEENTH ORDINARY
MEETING of the Society will be
held at the Head Office No. 2, Queen's
Buildings, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY,
the 24th April, 1909, at Noon, for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of the Direc-
tors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st Decem-
ber, 1908, and of electing Directors and
Auditors for the year ending 31st Decem-
ber, 1908.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society
will be CLOSED from the 11th April to the
21st April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
G. MONTAGUE ROE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 24, 1909.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

IT is hereby notified that on and after
the 1st day of April, 1909, the Ice Com-
pany will be HALED A DEBT OF
£100,000.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers,
Raffles Place, Hongkong.

Banks.

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,500,000
Subscribed Capital £1,125,000
Paid up Capital £662,500
Reserve Fund £210,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON Current Accounts
the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily
Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months 4%
" 6 months 3%
" 3 months 2%
BY ORDER OF THE MANAGER,
HONGKONG, April 22, 1909.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE
BANK.

ESTABLISHED 1880.
CAPITAL PAID-UP Yen 24,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS Yen 15,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
TOKYO, KOREA, NAGASAKI,
LYONS, NEW YORK,
SAN FRANCISCO, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI,
PEKING, HANKOW, CANTON,
YOKOHAMA, MANILA, CEBU,
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, PEKING,
HANKOW, CANTON, YOKOHAMA,
MANILA, CEBU, HONGKONG.

HONGKONG—Interest Allowed.
On Current Account at the rate of 2%
per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months 5% per annum.
For 6 months 4%
For 3 months 3%
TAKESHI TAKAMOTO,
Manager.

Hongkong, March 23, 1909.

RUSSO-CHINESE BANK.

ORGANIZED UNDER IMPERIAL DECREE OF
10TH DECEMBER, 1895.

CAPITAL 15,000,000 Roubles
RESERVE FUNDS 2,000,000 Roubles
GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION 5,000,000 Roubles

HEAD OFFICE—ST. PETERSBURG.
London Office: 41, Threadneedle St., E.C.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
Amoy, Canton, Hankow, Harbin, Hongkong, Kobe, Lyons, Man-
churia, Peking, Shanghai, Seoul, Singapore, Soerabaya,
Tientsin, Yokohama.

Interest Allowed:
Current Accounts in Dollars 2% per cent.
per annum on credit balances of \$1,000
and over.
Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Local Bills discounted. Special facilities
for Russian exchange. Foreign exchange
on the principal cities of the world bought
and sold.

A. KRAEUTLER, Manager.
PRINCE'S BUILDING.
HONGKONG, March 12, 1909.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEEN DRAWING OF SIXTY-
FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hong-
kong Club (1898 issue, \$10 each) will be
drawn on the 31st March 1909, at 4.30
p.m., at the Hongkong Club House on WIL-
LIS Street, when the following Debenture
holders were drawn for Redemption:—

33	358	783	1180	1428
47	374	547	1210	1525
60	398	558	1218	1540
72	418	585	1220	1549
102	445	1049	1225	1557
112	553	1122	1243	1595
112	553	1122	1243	1595
117	594	1068	1280	1735
181	604	1087	1291	1825
182	683	1091	1291	1813
245	706	1049	1317	1927
254	721	1158	1416	1934
311	726	1164	1368	1913

and will be Payable at the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation on WED-
NESDAY, the 31st March 1909, in ex-
change for surrender of same.
By Order,
JAMES CRAIK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 19, 1909.

JARMONIAEL AND
OLABKE.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND
SURVEYORS.

4, QUEEN'S BUILDING, HONGKONG.
25, CRANFORD STREET, SINGAPORE.

OUR ADDRESS:
JARMONIAEL, HONGKONG.
JARMONIAEL, SINGAPORE.
Office: 4th Floor, 10th Building,
A.B. of 4th and 5th Buildings,
Lobby: 1st Floor, 10th Building,
Lobby: 1st Floor, 10th Building.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS £1,500,000
Sterling £1,500,000
Silver 14,000,000
PROFITABLES £15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. Mr. W. J. GIBSON—Chairman.
H. H. TOMKINS, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
R. G. BARTLET, Esq. E. SHILLING, Esq.
C. FRIEDLAND, Esq. H. A. SHAW, Esq.
O. S. GIBBY, Esq. H. A. SHAW, Esq.
W. HELMS, Esq. Hon. Mr. H. A. W.
O. R. LEMMON, Esq.—Slade.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—W. ADAMS ORAM.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING CO., LD.
HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two
per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 3% per annum.
" 6 months 4%
" 12 months 5%
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 29, 1909.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-
ducted by the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Rates may be obtained on ap-
plication.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at
3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors
may transfer at their option balances of
100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on fixed
deposit at 4% PER CENT. per
annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation.
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 12, 1907.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,500,000
RESERVE FUNDS £1,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PAID-
UP FUNDS £1,500,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts
the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily
Balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%
" 6 months 3%
" 3 months 2%
W. DICKSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, March 1, 1909.

NEEDERLANDSCHE HANDELS-
MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NEDERLANDS-TRADING SOCIETY)
ESTABLISHED 1824.

PAID-UP CAPITAL FL. 45,000,000 (£2,750,000).
RESERVE FUNDS FL. 5,750,884.84 (£279,407).
HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.
BRANCHES—Singapore, Penang,
Shanghai, Rangoon, Samarra, Soerabaya,
Batavia, Peking, Hongkong, Canton,
Tientsin, Hankow, Cebu, Manila, Yokohama,
Kobe, Osaka, Lyons, London, New York,
San Francisco, San Pedro de Macoris, Santiago,
Colon, Panama, Ponce, Porto Rico, Havana,
Santiago de Cuba, Matanzas, Cienfuegos,
Cardenas, Remedios, Sagua, Sancti Spiritus,
Santos, Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Recife, Pernambuco,
Lisbon, Oporto, Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia,
Bilbao, Seville, Cadix, Malaga, Almeria,
Granada, Cordoba, Murcia, Alicante, Valencia,
Barcelona, Madrid, Lisbon, Oporto, Rio de Janeiro,
Bahia, Recife, Pernambuco, Santos, Rio de Janeiro,
Bahia, Recife, Pernambuco, Santos, Rio de Janeiro,
Bahia, Recife, Pernambuco

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from MADAME MARTY, to Sell by Public Auction,

on **MONDAY and TUESDAY,**

the 28th and 30th March, 1909, commencing each day at 2.30 p.m., at No. 13, PEAK ROAD (Upper Albany).

A RARE AND VALUABLE COLLECTION OF CHINA, BRONZES, JADE AND IVORIES,

Comprising:—

1 RARE CELADON VASE with PEACH BLOSSOM and Blue Decorations, 1 BLACK JAR with 5-Coloured Decorations, FAMILIE ROSE and FAMILIE VERT JARS and VASES, 5-Coloured JARS, VASES and PANELS, BLUE and WHITE HAWTHORN JARS, GREEN and BLACK HAWTHORN JAR, POWDER BLUE VASE, AUSTRIAN GREEN VASE, CELADON BOWLS and VASES, BLUE and BROWN SOFT PASTE VASE and CUPS, IMPERIAL YELLOW and BLUE VASES, PRINCE BLOOM JAR, SANG DE-BEIR VASES, 2, 3 and 5-Coloured FIGURES, &c., &c. FINELY CARVED RHINOCEROS HORN CUTS and ORNAMENTS. CARVED IVORY FIGURES, ORNAMENTS and CUPS, VERY FINE JADE VASE and ORNAMENT, JADE CUPS, BOWLS, FIGURES, &c., &c. OLD Peking CLOISONNE INCENSE BURNERS, VASES and BOWLS, Peking SILK EMBOSSMENTS. FINE Selection of OLD BRONZES (some inlaid with Gold), &c.

HANDSOMELY CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD CABINETS, ARMCHAIRS, COUCH, JARDINIERS STANDS and 1 Large BORDEN ISLAND with 5-Coloured PORCELAIN PANELS.

1 LIMOGES TEA SET.

N.B.—Special attention is drawn to the sale of this Private Collection offering a rare opportunity to collectors.

On View on Saturday and Sunday, the 27th and 28th March.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 22, 1909.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF **PURE IRISH HOUSEHOLD LINENS, LACE CURTAINS, TOWELS, &c., &c.**

(due to arrive here per S.S. "Tydeus" on the 25th instant).

MESSES HUGHES & HOUGH have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY,

the 30th and 31st March, 1909, commencing each day at 2 p.m.

A FINE COLLECTION OF **HIGH-CLASS IRISH GOODS,**

Comprising:—

Irish Linen Double Damask Table Cloths with Serviettes to match, Irish Linen Tray Cloths, Toilet Sets, Supper Cloths, Lady's and Gent's Irish Linen Hamstitched and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, Fine Turkish Towels, All Linen Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Irish Tea and Glass Cloths, Fine (White and Cream) Linen Curtains, a fine assortment of Undershirts and Skirts, White Satin Quilt, Five o'clock Tea Cloths, Irish Hand Embroidered Bedspreads and Top Sheets, Silk Moiré Undershirts, Longcloth Nightgowns, Nainsook Camisoles, Chemises, All Linen Bed Ticks, Pyjama Suits, Tea Coys, Cushion Covers, Linen Embroidered Pillow Cases, Pyjama Jacket, Flannellette Nightdresses and Gowns, Sheets, Robes, &c., &c., &c.

A small quantity of English Tweeds, Serges, &c., in Sail Lengths.

(A few lots of Yamatoya (Japanese) Crepe Shirts will also be put up for sale).

The above Goods will be on View from Monday, the 29th inst., when catalogues may be had on application.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 24, 1909.

To Let

TO LET.

FOUR and Five-Roomed HOUSES, at Kowloon.

New and Commodious SHOPS, NATHAN ROAD, Kowloon. Immediate possession.

Cheap Rentals.

OFFICES on the 1st Floor HONG KONG MANSIONS lately occupied by Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

Apply to HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 23, 1909.

TO LET.

UP-to-date Houses in HUMPHREYS AVENUE, Kowloon, with Gardens at entrance.

Apply to TAM TSE KONG, 42, Bonham Strand West, Hongkong; or HUNG CHONG, 60, Elgin Road, Kowloon.

Hongkong, February 6, 1909.

TO LET.

ROOMS, No. 19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First Floor, above Messrs A Ling & Co.'s Store.

Apply to KELLY & WATSON, LTD., Hongkong, March 22, 1909.

TO LET—FURNISHED.

NO. 6, MACDONNELL ROAD, from No. 22, for six months.

Apply to FRED J. HANLON, PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co., Hongkong, March 19, 1909.

TO LET.

NO. 1, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon, Electric Lights, Tennis Court, etc.

ORANGE BUNGALOW, Kowloon, with Garden attached. Moderate Rental.

Apply to ARKATON V. APCAR & CO., 45, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, March 9, 1909.

TO LET—FURNISHED.

'FUNG SHUI' THE PEAK.—To be let furnished for 8 months or longer.

Apply to JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors, 5, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, November 6, 1908.

TO LET.

OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Apply to SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & CO., Ltd., Hongkong, April 22, 1907.

TO LET.

SHOP, No. 14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on Lease.

Apply to "ROBINSON" "GARDEN" ROAD, Kowloon.

1. FAIRVIEW, Robinson Road, Kowloon.

Apply to LEIGH & ORANGE, Hongkong, August 26, 1908.

TO LET.

NO. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Shop), opposite the Post Office.

Apply to "ROBINSON" "GARDEN" ROAD, Kowloon.

NO. 34, PAQUET STREET, suitable for Office and Godown.

Apply to "ROBINSON" "GARDEN" ROAD, Kowloon.

For Particulars, apply to YEE HANG YAT & CO., 10, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, March 24, 1909.

TO LET.

BEACONSFIELD A ROADE, Fine Shops, Offices and Dwelling Rooms, DWELLING ROOMS and OFFICES in QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

A GODOWN in DUNDRELL STREET, BELLIOS TERRACE HOUSES, Robinson Road.

A 6-Roomed House, Furnished or Unfurnished, at the Peak.

No. 2 & 3, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

O. M. S. PEAK BUNGALOW, Furnished, Mount Kelz, from 1st April to end of June.

6. CAMERON VILLAS, 59, PEAK, GLENSHIEL next to Plantation Road Tram Station, FURNISHED, 6 Rooms, for 1 month or longer from 5th May, 1909.

FERNSIDE No. 11, PEAK, unfurnished, from 1st May, 1909.

No. 4, MOUNTAIN VIEW (PEAK), Furnished, from 1st June to 30th September, 1909.

FOR SALE TOR OREST at Peak commanding magnificent view of the Harbour and adjacent lands.

Apply to LESTER & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexander Buildings, Hongkong, April 12, 1907.

TO LET.

GOUDON'S in PRATA ROAD, Blue Buildings, and No. 18, Des Voeux Road next to the Hongkong Hotel.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT

AUCTIONEER.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

on **FRIDAY,**

the 26th March, 1909, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms,

DUNDRELL STREET.

A QUANTITY OF **VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,**

Comprising:—

TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAK CHIFFONNIER, BRASS FENDERS, TEAK SIDEBOARD, DINING WARDEN, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, OYSTERMAN'S, BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEPS, WARDROBES and BUREAUX with BEVELLED MIRRORS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, DINING and BREAKFAST SETS.

Also

1 COTTAGE PIANO by 'Rosakamfz.'

1 POLYPHON and 40 MUSIC DISCS.

1 PHONOGRAPH.

A Few Pieces BLACKWOODWARE, &c.

2 RICKSHAS.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

On view from Thursday, the 25th March, 1909.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Mr. O. E. OWEN, to Sell by Public Auction,

on **WEDNESDAY,**

the 25th March, 1909, commencing at 5 p.m., at the Gardens of the Kowloon Hotel, Kowloon.

ABOUT 100 PAIRS OF FANCY PIGEONS

including Australian Homers, German Pouters, Dragons, Carriers, &c., &c.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Hon. Mr. H. W. SLADE, to Sell by Public Auction,

on **THURSDAY,**

the 8th April, 1909, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Residence, 'The Ring,'

No. 15, The Peak.

A QUANTITY OF **VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,**

including:—

TEAKWOOD BEDROOM and DINING ROOM FURNITURE, OLD ENGLISH OAK WRITING TABLE, CHAIR, CHEST, BUREAU, &c., &c.

CHAIRS by LIBERTY, BERNARDI LAMPA, 1 MELBA GRAMOPHONE, 1 SINGER'S SEWING MACHINE, etc., etc., etc.

(Further Particulars from Catalogue).

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

On view from 7th April, 1909.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR & EXPRESS TRAINS COMPANY.

(THE GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE TO EUROPE)

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, we shall be pleased to give any information as to rates of passage, etc., in connection with above.

Apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents, Hongkong, August 7, 1907.

IDEAL TOILET

REQUISITES

Pinaud's Eau de Cologne and Eau de

Quinine.

Colgate's Delightful Soaps in elegant

bottles.

La-France Rose—Cashmere Bouquet,

Italian Violet—Frangé Panel,

etc., etc., etc.

Large Parisienne Perfume Boxes

Profit for presentation.

PATELL & CO.,

SHAMKIN, CANTON.

Wine, Provision and General Merchants.

CHEAP AND REPUTED STORES

for

English, American & German

Provisions.

TO LET.

UNFURNISHED, No. 2, MOUNTAIN VIEW, at present occupied by Captain WALKER, R.E.; possession April 8th.

Apply to J. W. NOBLE, 18, Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, February 19, 1909.

TO LET.

OFFICES in YORK BUILDING, GOUDON'S in PRATA ROAD, Blue Buildings, and No. 18, Des Voeux Road next to the Hongkong Hotel.

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manoeuvre his ship over cities and rural districts without detection. So that the next word is with the armament makers.

I called the other day, on the authority of a well informed correspondent of the "Springfield," that the British Foreign Office and Peking. There is expected to be considerable delay in getting the Chinese officials to confirm the agreement.

Now the London correspondent of the "Springfield," writes, another lively provincial daily which is nowadays getting into close competition with some of the London dailies, says:—

"When Tang Shengyi arrived in London, I remarked that the confidence of the British Government in the Chinese official, who was appointed only the other day as the first Consul-General for Australia, with headquarters in Melbourne, might throw some light on the object of his visit. It seems to me that I was right in this surmise. I understand that the position of the Chinese in Australia and New Zealand and the other British colonies has been one of the chief subjects of official discussion during his brief stay in London. Another Consul-General, called Yang Liang Hwang, has just been planted down in New Zealand.

"The new policy of the Chinese at Peking to cultivate amicable relations with Great Britain and the colonies, by protecting the citizen interests of native Chinese in the colonies and getting as many Chinese as possible admitted to such coveted countries as Australia and New Zealand. Asiatics are not wanted in the colonies for this reason: there is all the more need for the Chinese Consul-General on the spot.

The question has a serious commercial aspect. The new Chinaman in authority at Peking wants to get rid of the people who may be done by. The more the Chinese are excluded from, or denied political rights in, British dependencies, the worse it will be in future for British trade with China. Such a phase of the Yellow Peril, I believe, was cleverly behind the smiles and soft words of Tang Shengyi."

The envoy's soft words, anyone, satisfied one set of people. When the anti-imperialist advocates sent their delegates to see him at the Langham Hotel he told them he was delighted with them and not only begged them in perfect English to go ahead and make themselves aggressive in England but also to keep on reminding China that he had the very best of them. He suited the deputation down to the ground and they swore on the spot that they would work overtime at the job.

There was a suggestion of the union of autumn and early summer in the marriage on Tuesday in St. Pancras of the sixty-four year old Sir William Abdy, Bart, to Mrs. Robinson, daughter of a gentleman named Cohen and widow of a General in the Indian Army. Sir William was in his early days a student interpreter in China. Since then he has had two other matrimonial adventures, one of which began in a court and the other ended in one.

As the barren bride was followed from the registry office by the old man hobbling painfully along on two sticks I regret to say that the Cockney crowd broke into ribald laughter, but the stern suzerain form refused assistance and somehow picked his way to the wedding altar.

Age has not abated his ardour evidently, for he has given the bride two motor cars and a handsome house near Horse Docks. He owns much property in Essex.

Parliament has opened with every sign of public interest. There is the impending debate on the Lords, the apprehension as to the passage of the bill, and an early appeal to the country. The impression in the House is now, I find, that the election will be held off till next January if the Cabinet can manage it. There are some signs of reviving trade and the Government hopes that timely opportunities for further bids for popular favour, will make them more attractive to the public. That is doubtful, but any way they expect to try it.

The Suffragettes are at it again. Sprung to thoughts for the delectation of the honourable requirements of life they slip into private receptions, worm their way into dinners and meetings in apartment houses and there they bark and screech at Cabinet Ministers as though they had suddenly discovered themselves to be lost souls in Purgatory. I find all the women of womanly feelings—and thank Heaven they are still the majority—are contemptuous of these proceedings, but the hysteric are quite careless of the sisters' censure and talk loftily of the emancipation of women and the removal of the stigma, whatever that is, that rests on the dowry and the dowry.

Well, Mr. Geoffrey Howard, the Liberal son of the Countess of Carlisle has obtained an early place on the ballot for a bill for all round women's suffrage, so we shall see what we shall see. I predict that the official government will leave no such time for private bills as will permit the measure to get far. Moreover, the more I inquire of the suffragettes the more they assure me that they would have to see an amendment to the bill. They want only their own little section of women, who are to get their names for the purpose on to the rate books, to have the vote. Verily in this again they are a mass of contradictions. They plead on the hustings that they stand for the emancipation of the working women and then they want it restricted to those who do not work. These ladies would then study the photographs of the snuffboxes, doubtless, and as Sir Edward Clarke says, they would be the poor men into "dears" and "things" and would proceed to vote for the "dears."

The Welshmen are delighted that Disraeli's motion in Wales is proposed to go through the Commons, though I suppose the Lords will throw it out.

Then I fancy the Church of England needs some attention, not because I am antagonistic to it, but rather for the good of the Church. There is something wrong when absentee holders of livings are allowed to sweat curates to the extent they are doing now.

The Bishop of Chichester the other day issued a mild sensible Church order, saying by statute that there were 21,000 clergy in active work and of these twelve thousand were earning not more than £150 a year, the wages of an ordinary mechanic.

In making cases, he said, the daughters of these clergymen have had to take places as domestic servants because their parents have been unable to pay for their proper education.

There is something rotten in the state of the Church's affairs surely.

His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Class	Tons.	Days.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Albatross	despatch-boat	1700	18	3000	Comdr. C. T. M. Fuller	Hongkong
Andromeda	cruiser, 1st class	11,000	18	—	Capt. R. A. Gaunt	Hongkong
Arcturion	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	8000	Capt. E. O. Ryan	Hongkong
Bedford	cruiser, 1st class	9700	—	—	Capt. E. E. Frinkine	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Com. Hon. K. O. B. Bridgeman	Hongkong
Chelonic	river gunboat	740	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. F. B. Noble	Hongkong
Cicada	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. L. P. Heard	Hongkong
Charub	water tank and tug	300	—	300	—	Hongkong
Chloe	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. C. T. Borrett	Chinking
Fattie	torpedo boat destroyer	360	8	5700	Lieut.-Comdr. Gresson	Hongkong
Fleeta	cruiser, 2nd class	4360	10	7000	Capt. R. Nugent	Hongkong
Fluffy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. B. J. D. Guy	Hongkong
Hut	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lieut.-Comdr. D. Cresswell	Hongkong
James	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3800	Lieut.-Comdr. Freeman	Hongkong
John	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	12,000	Capt. G. La Mareaux	Hongkong
King Alfred	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	14	16,000	Capt. Clifton Bates	Hongkong
Koshu	river gunboat	616	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. S. Tenyson	Yamaguchi
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Capt. Geo. W. Smith	Hongkong
Merchan	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. C. O. Watson	West River
Nightingal	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Comdr. Roy	Yamaguchi
Nub	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6800	—	Hongkong
Reber	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. J. White	West River
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Hickell	West River
Sage	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. A. Dixon	Yamaguchi
Taka	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	6500	Lt.-Comdr. D. Strath	Hongkong
Tamar	surveying ship	950	—	—	Comdr. H. Lyon	Hongkong
Ted	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Gedroff	Yamaguchi
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. M. J. Speer	Hongkong
Vingo	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	6800	Comdr. Stevenson	Hongkong
Waterwitch	surveying ship	329	—	480	Comdr. H. P. Douglas	Hongkong
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	360	6	6800	Lieut.-Comdr. J. Kiddie	Hongkong
Wagon	river gunboat	185	2	800	Lieut.-Comdr. W. R. ...	Yamaguchi
Woodcock	river gunboat	160	2	600	Lieut.-Com. Cottrell-Durmer	Upper Yangtze
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CHINA AND JAPAN.

DIFFERENCES TO BE
SUBMITTED TO THE HAGUE.

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London, March 25.
The Times Peking correspondent telegraphs that China has formally proposed to Japan that they submit to the Hague tribunal the China-Japanese differences regarding Manchuria.

BRITAIN AND HER
COLONIES.NEW ZEALAND'S "DREAD-
NOUGHT" ACCEPTED.

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London, March 25.
Speaking in the House of Commons, the Right Hon. Mr. H. H. Asquith, Premier, read a telegram which Lord Cromer, Secretary of State for the Colonies, had sent to Lord Plunkett, Governor of the Dominion of New Zealand, gratefully accepting the offer of a Dreadnought from New Zealand.

OPIUM CHAO'S DOWN-
FALL.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 24.
Chao Ping-kuan, Vice-President of the Board of the Interior, has been dismissed in consequence of his opium habits.

PRAISE FOR ADMIRAL
SEH.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 24.
Admiral Seh has been received in audience by the Prince Regent. His satisfactory answers to all questions put to him called forth meritorious remarks from Prince Chun.

TO RAISE NAVAL FUNDS.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 24.
The Chinese Government, in order to raise money for rebuilding the Navy, proposes to levy duties on tobacco and spirits.

SIR ROBERT HART
RECALLED.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 24.
Sir Robert Hart has been urged by telegraph to return to Peking.

CHINESE IN DUTCH
INDIES.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 24.
Chinese residents in the Netherlands Indies have telegraphed advising the Government to put the proposed naturalization law into force at once.

A MANCHU PROMOTION.

(Wah Tat Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, March 24.
The Chinese Government has resolved to promote Lin Fang, Vice-President of the Board of Foreign Affairs, to the position of Tatar General of the Yellow Banner, the position rendered vacant by the appointment of Li Tulin as President of the Board of Communications.
It is said that Lin Fang will be appointed French teacher to the infant Emperor.

ALEXANDRA CINEMATO-
GRAPH.

Every evening large audiences attend the Alexandra Cinematograph, where the pictures are of the best and hold "Lido in India," "Pompeii," "Lullaby of the Nile," "The American Girl," "The Girl's Revenge," and numerous others, all of which create the greatest excitement. Professor Vincent continues to entertain in a pleasing manner with his magical problems, while Miss Rosa Barnes appears in "An Evening at Home." On Saturday at 8 p.m. the Lido and Mission of Christ will be shown at the screen.

VICTORIA CINEMATOGRAPH.

The celebrated comedy actress, Miss Adams, and Jessie Thomas are enjoying a successful run at the Victoria Cinematograph, where their appearances are well received by the large audience. On Saturday at 8 p.m. the Lullaby of the Nile, the American Girl, and the Girl's Revenge will be shown at the screen.

THE AMERICAN SQUADRON.

Sports At Happy Valley.

The following are the remainder of the results of the events in connection with the sports in honour of the men of the visiting squadron, which took place at Happy Valley, on Wednesday.

RELAY RACE.—Open to teams of four from any ship of the American Squadron.
Each competitor will run 220 yards. 1st prize \$40, 2nd \$20.
Denver 1
Cleveland 2
Galveston 3

OBSTACLE RACE.—1st prize \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5.
Pl. Marsh, Buffs 1
Shilowright Way, King Alfred 2
O'Brien, Cleveland 3

RICKSHAW RACE.—Enter by pairs each one of a pair to be of different nationality. To race 50 yards one man pulling and the other in a ricksha, change rounds and race back. 1st prize \$8, 2nd \$4, 3rd \$2.
Harrison, (Marine) and 1 & 2
Arthur, (Helena) 3
Bruce, (Cleveland) and 1 & 2
Grumps, (R.G.A.) 3
Bell, (Memmouth) and Javery, (Cleveland) 3

Masonic Smoking Concert.

The Masonic Smoking Concert given on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Naval and Military Lodge, No. 548, S.C., in honour of the American visitors, proved an unqualified success. Rt. Wor. Bro. West presided and was supported by some of the leading figures in Scotch and English masonry in the Colony. During the evening the health of King Edward, the Protector of English Freemasonry, was drunk, as was also that of President Taft, one of the latest initiates into the Brotherhood. Lieut. Cameron, U.S.N., returned thanks for the hospitality accorded to the American Masons and said that the Craft knew no country within the tiled walls of their Lodges, when they met. Masons were but Brothers. The excellent musical programme provided was greatly enjoyed, those participating being Messrs Nolan, Sanden, Fay, Oxberry, Scott, Cross, Caesar, Hutcheson, Jarvis, Trimble, Ladd and Captain Parkes, while the British Band played admirable selections of music.

To-Day's Sports at Happy Valley.

The second and concluding programme of sports in honour of the visit of the American Squadron to Hongkong was carried out at Happy Valley this afternoon. There was again a very large attendance in which naval and military men of various nationalities predominated, and some capital sports were witnessed. The 13th Rajputs Band was in attendance, and rendered splendid selections, while at the close of the programme the prizes were distributed by Lady Erskine, wife of a former Admiral of the China Station.

Winners of specified events on Wednesday were debarré from entering for certain events today, but notwithstanding this some capable competitors were in evidence. The half-mile, to which this stipulation did not apply, was a particularly good race, the winner turning up in Lance Corpl. Andrews, the champion sprinter of the Buffs.

As on Wednesday, tiffin was again provided by the entertainment Committee to a body of British and visiting soldiers and sailors.

We appended results to hand on going to Press:
Quarter mile. Open to eight starters from the American Fleet, four from the British Fleet, and four from the British Garrison.
Lance Corpl. Keep (Buffs) 1
Serge Sturdy (R.M.S. Tamar) 2
Shipwright Way (H.M.S.) 3
King Alfred 4

Time 54 sec.
LONG JUMP (standing).
Johnson (Cleveland) 1
Elliot (Helena) 2
Stafford (Galveston) 3
Distance, 8 ft. 7 in.

PUTTING THE SHOT.
Police Sergeant Gerard (37 ft. 3 in.) ... 1
L. Corpl. Brewster (Buffs) (35 ft. 3 in.) ... 2
Austin (U.S.S. Cleveland) (33 ft. 2 in.) ... 3
Stanford (U.S.S. Galveston) (33 ft. 6 in.) ... 4

220 YARDS FLAT RACE.
Shipwright Way (King Alfred) 1
Serge Sturdy (Tamar) 2
Beach (Buffs) 3
Time, 27 1/2 sec.

HAND-UPS. Open to eight starters from the American Fleet, four from the British Fleet, and four from the British Garrison.
Lance Corpl. Andrews (Buffs) 1
Lance Corpl. Lead (Buffs) 2
Lance Corpl. Hill (Buffs) 3
Guard (U.S.S. Charleston) 4
Time, 2 mins. 5 sec.

TAKEN-TROTT RACE. Each one of a pair to be of different nationality.
Scouser (Buffs) and Williams (Cleveland) ... 1
Smith (Cleveland) and White (Buffs) 2
Alexandra (Cleveland) and Goodman (Memmouth) 3

TWO OF WAR. Catch weights. Open to terms of 10 men from any ship, regiment or department corps.
Semi-finals.
U.S.S. Cleveland beat U.S.S. Charleston 1
R.G.A. beat Buffs 2
FINAL. R.G.A. beat Cleveland 1

HUNDRED YARDS.
Gray (Buffs) 1
Thomas (R.G.A.) 2
Elliot (Buffs) 3
Time, 1 min. 10 sec.

RELAY RACE.
Buffs 1
R.G.A. 2
U.S.S. Denver 3

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

Two bootmen were fined \$2 each at the Marine Court, to-day, for causing an obstruction in Observation Street.

APPLICATION FOR SALARY.

Before the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, at the Bankruptcy Court this morning, Mr. Q. P. Dixon applied on behalf of R. A. Captain for salary to be paid out of the estate in bankruptcy. Mr. Dixon said that the applicant had managed the business since February 15, and the adjudication order had been made on Thursday last. Since then the business had been sold.

His Lordship.—Sold? To whom?
Mr. Dixon.—To a gentleman from Canton. The date of purchase to be from yesterday or to-day.

The order was granted.

HONGKONG POST OFFICE
CLERK CHARGED.

Alleged Removal of Stamps.
William Nuttall, a youth employed as a clerk in the Registration Department of the Hongkong Post Office, was charged at the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. J. H. Kemp, with fraudulently removing stamps from nine parcels on the 19th instant.

Mr. Bowley presented, and Mr. Goldring was for the defence.
Mr. Bowley, opening the case, said the defendant was clerk in the Parcel Department of the Hongkong General Post Office, where he had been employed for two or three years. It was his duty to receive parcels handed in by the public after they had been stamped. The defendant had nothing whatever to do with the sale of stamps, which were sold by a Chinese shroff. The Chinese shroff received the parcels, told the poster what the duty was, sold the necessary stamps and after the stamps had been affixed, the parcel was handed to the counter clerk. For every parcel the counter clerk received there was a receipt given which had a counter-foil. The counter clerk had to fill up the receipt and counter-foil and then had to put a postage mark on the receipt, which was given to the person posting the parcel. At the same time he had to put the Post Office stamp on the counter-foil and obliterate all the stamps on the parcel so that they could not be used again. After that either the same clerk or one of the others had to enter the particulars of the parcel in what was called the Journal, a separate Journal being kept for each country to which the parcels were sent. There was, therefore, a full check on every parcel posted. If the mail was being closed, the parcels were packed in a box and despatched after having been checked. If the mail was not going to be closed that day the parcels were put in a safe for each country. On Friday last there were a number of mails being closed, including the English mail, which carried the great majority of the parcels, the Calcutta mail, and also the Australian mail, which, however, did not close until Saturday. The defendant was on duty on Friday from 9 o'clock until he was suspended in the afternoon, and during that time he was either engaged in giving receipts for parcels or else in entering parcels in the Journal. In particular he was in charge of what was called the London Insured Parcels. Mr. Martin, the superintendent of the Registration Department branch, on that day noticed that one of the parcel boxes, which turned out to be the London Insured parcels, was not securely fastened, and he drew attention to it. The box was re-opened, and in re-opening it was discovered that a number of the parcels were deficient in postage. The counter clerk was responsible to see that the proper stamps were affixed, and it was his duty to be insufficient, that the counter-clerk was to make up the deficiency. The receipt of this London Insured box led to the discovery of what was called the parcel in the Journal, to which the parcels were put in the Post Office if the stamps were found to be insufficient, that the counter-clerk was to make up the deficiency. The receipt of this London Insured box led to the discovery of what was called the parcel in the Journal, to which the parcels were put in the Post Office if the stamps were found to be insufficient, that the counter-clerk was to make up the deficiency.

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AMERICAN JUDGE ON THE
BENCH.

The Hon. Mr. Rufus H. Thayer, the newly appointed Judge of the U. S. Court at Shanghai, occupied a seat on the Bench at Bankruptcy Court this morning. The Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, presiding, Dr. F. E. Hindley, Clerk of the U.S. Court at Shanghai was also present.

HONGKONG CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.

The following letters have been sent to us for publication:
CONTINUOUS CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE TO CHINESE SEAMEN.
Chamber of Commerce,
18th March, 1909.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that my Committee have now considered your letter of 30th January, 1909, (No. 483/1909) regarding the granting of continuous Certificates of Discharge to Chinese Seamen.

A similar system has been in force for some years with regard to British Seamen and my Committee understand that while the benefits conferred by this innovation are doubtful, it gives rise to considerable trouble to employers and has not resulted in the good anticipated when the scheme was inaugurated.

As applied to Chinese, the similarity of name so often found, and the difficulty of identification even when the Certificate bears a photograph, makes the scheme in the view of my Committee impracticable.

Another aspect of such a system on the China Coast would be a decided disadvantage to British Shipping in obtaining labour and my Committee are, therefore, unable to support the proposal put forward by the Harbour Master which, if adopted, would in their opinion increase the cost and difficulty in securing good seamen without conferring any benefit upon the ship-owner in return.—I have &c.,
(Sgd.) E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

QUARANTINE STATION AT LAKEHURST.
Chamber of Commerce,
16th March, 1909.

Sir,—I have the honour to reply to your letter of 2nd February, 1909, on the subject of the Quarantine Station at Lakehurst, that my Committee approve of the amended regulations under Section 23 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, (No. 10 of 1899).

I am to ask you to convey the thanks of this Chamber to His Excellency the Governor for his consideration of its views in the matter.—I have &c.,
(Sgd.) E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G.,
Colonial Secretary.

PETITION FOR LIGHTS TO BE PLACED ON KAPING ISLAND AND ON TONG KUI ISLAND, ON 100-YARDS POINT.
Chamber of Commerce,
18th March, 1909.

Sir,—I beg to inform you that my Committee have before them the copy of a widely signed petition of Masters of River and Coastal Vessels addressed to the Honourable the Harbour Master to the effect that:—

(1) A light be placed on the Southern end of Kaping Island to act as a leading light across the Harbour to Tong Kui and San Chai.

(2) and that a light be placed either on Tong Kui Island or Boulder Point to act as a leading light for navigating into Reichen Channel and also for the West River Steamers passing between Tong Kui and San Chai.

My Committee consulted several of the principal shipping firms and from them learn that the light petitioned for would be not only useful but are actually necessary for safe navigation.

In the opinion of this Chamber therefore, the light suggested in the first paragraph of the petition is one which is generally required and should in their opinion receive the consideration of the Government; the erection of the latter light could be postponed temporarily if the condition of the Colony's finances render such a step desirable.

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A TRAM-CAR INCIDENT.

At the Magistracy to-day, before Mr. J. R. Wood, charges of assault and abusive language were brought by Francis Mottie, a tramway inspector, against A. G. Pile, of the Naval Yard.

Mr. Stevenson presided and Mr. Otto Kong Sing defended.

Mr. Stevenson said on the evening of March 2nd, defendant and his wife boarded a tram-car at Observation Place travelling west. The conductor applied to defendant for his fare and he produced a monthly ticket, whereupon the conductor asked for the fare for the day. Defendant produced a \$10 bill, and asked for change in Hongkong money. The conductor said he had not sufficient Hongkong money to do that, and asked defendant to sign his name so that the fare could be collected. Defendant refused to sign the paper, which he threw away, and then the inspector was called. The inspector approached the passenger, who again refused to sign his name. In accordance with his instructions, the inspector would not allow defendant to alight until he had either signed his name or paid the ten cents. The tram was not allowed to stop until Lee House Street was reached, but before then he made two or three attempts to alight from the tram. The inspector told this man not to stop the car and defendant then assaulted the inspector and used abusive language.

The inspector asserted that defendant hit him twice on the chest and also pushed him. If he had not been hanging on tightly he would have been pushed off.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing stated that when it was found that a criminal assault had been committed, as the inspector had no right in preventing defendant from leaving the car. His Worship held otherwise and imposed a fine of \$5.

DANGERS OF INFLUENZA.

The great danger of influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. The latter is a very serious disease, and is often fatal. It is caused by a virus, and is spread by droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person. It is also spread by contact with infected objects.

It is important to take precautions to avoid infection. These include avoiding contact with infected persons, and avoiding crowded places. It is also important to keep the body warm, and to avoid exposure to cold and wet weather.

It is also important to keep the body healthy, and to avoid fatigue and stress. This can be done by getting plenty of rest, and by eating a healthy diet.

It is also important to avoid smoking and drinking alcohol, as these can weaken the body's defences against infection.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Hongkong Observatory—

On the 25th at 12.05 p.m.—The barometer has fallen very rapidly at Nansu owing to the depression, which is moving into the Pacific in the neighbourhood of that station.

Except over E. Japan and the Bonins pressure has increased generally, particularly over W. Japan, the Loochees and E. China.

The anticyclonic area remains over the Yangtze Valley.

Strong N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and strong N. and N.E. winds to gales over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow—

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamoo: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 2.

To-day's Advertisements

H. K. A. A. A.

BROKE CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE CUP.

THE FINAL RUN will take place on SUNDAY next, 27th, at 3.30 p.m., starting from the Kowloon Cricket Club. Entries from the post or to the Undersecretary.

H. L. O. GARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 25, 1909.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND SHANGHAI.

THE C. S. Steamship Forwarders having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that Goods will be landed into the hold and/or extra storerooms of the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersecretary before Noon, on the 1st March, 1909, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 1st March, 1909, will be subject to risk.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WHEELER & CO., Agents, Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, March 24, 1909.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. STEAMSHIP, Captain S. W. L. Bragg, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersecretary and to take immediate delivery of their goods from the Godowns.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed into the Godowns, and for further particulars of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Bills must be presented within ten days of the date of arrival, and for further particulars of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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STREAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

February 26, Muncaster Castle, Glenloggan.

March 2, Benard, Indraghi, Peking.

March 5, Hakata Maru, Matsuo.

March 6, Aragonia, Benewich, China (Aus.).

March 7, Bombay Maru, Ernest Simons, Suez.

March 11, Desoullon, Pera, Persia, Yangtze.

March 16, Benard, Glenloggan, Glenloggan, Kender, Silesia.

March 19, Benard, Bulow, Glouven, Homenau, Peking, Myrion, Sanku Maru, Wai Maru.

March 23, Carnarvonshire.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Imp. German Mail s.s. Prinz Sigismund left Sydney on Thursday, the 11th March, at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 31st March.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Empress of India left Yokohama at noon on Sunday, the 21st March, for Victoria and Vancouver.

Expected.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. Taming left Manila on the 25th March, and is due here on the 28th March.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. Wuhu left Weihaiwei on the 20th March, and is due here on the 28th March.

The C. N. Co.'s s.s. Singing left Cebu on the 23rd March, and is due here on the 27th March.

The H. L. & B. s.s. Baguio left Singapore on the 22nd March, and may be expected here on or about the 29th March, a.m.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. Zubia left Singapore for this port on the 20th March, at 5 p.m., and is due here on the 26th March, at 5 a.m.

The French s.s. Binkhuu left Haiphong on the 24th March, and is due here on or about the 28th March.

The H. L. & B. s.s. Baguio left Singapore on the 22nd March, and may be expected here on or about the 29th March, a.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Inaba Maru (European Line) left for this port via Shanghai on the 23rd March, and is expected here on the 29th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Takasaka Maru (Bomby Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 22nd March, and is expected here on the 28th March.

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SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

March 24.

Cyclops, British str., 2,475, H. C. Harris, Vancouver and Tacoma, via Kuchino Maru, 21, General, Butterfield & Swire.

Tidalys, Dutch str., 2,475, P. J. von Bismarck, Massau March 16, General, JAVACHINA-JAPAN LINE.

Morspi, Dutch str., 1,695, E. M. Ullal, from Java and Singapore, Segur, Charras.

Tingzang, British steamer, 1,045, R. Y. Anderson, Chinkiang March 21, General, JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.

Britavia, German str., 4,107, Schwinghammer, Hamburg and Singapore March 18, General, HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Chinkwa, British str., from Canton, Kwangsi, British str., from Canton, Luchow, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

March 25.

Hongkong, for Amoy, Phenomenon, for Saigon.

Hongkong, for Hongkong, Hongkong, for Hongkong.

Luchow, for Canton, Kwangsi, British str., from Canton, Luchow, British str., from Canton.

CLEARED.

Calcutta, for Singapore and Copenhagen.

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